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## **Governor Scott Announces Reopening of Historic A1A Coastal Highway in Flagler Beach**

**FLAGLER BEACH, Fla.** – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced the reopening of the historic and scenic A1A coastal byway in Flagler Beach. This announcement comes just 18 days after Governor Scott directed the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to expedite the restoration of two-way traffic on A1A in Flagler Beach on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Last month, roughly 1.3 miles of A1A was compromised and damaged by Hurricane Matthew, causing the roadway to be closed and traffic to be diverted.

Governor Scott said, “During Hurricane Matthew, A1A was severely damaged and required extensive restoration. Following the storm, I toured the damage along our east coast, including the destruction to A1A, and spoke with families and businesses recovering from this major hurricane. The Flagler Beach community relies on A1A for its livelihood and the road needed to be fixed immediately. Today, I am proud to be in Flagler Beach to announce that just 18 days after directing the Florida Department of Transportation to expedite the repair of this road, A1A is once again open to the public. As we recover from Hurricane Matthew, our top priority is to get people back to work and back in their normal routines. I appreciate the hard work that went into making this happen so quickly.”

Secretary Jim Boxold said, “I want to thank Governor Scott for his leadership during the recent hurricanes and for his efforts to expedite the restoration of two-way traffic on A1A. Getting this impacted area of Flagler Beach moving again has been my number one priority. I appreciate the partnership between the community, the Department and Halifax Paving to restore north-south traffic on A1A as quickly as possible. Going forward, we will continue to work with the community and elected leaders for a permanent solution to the storm damaged roadway.”

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